



NEWS RELEASE

STATE CAPITOL, ROOM 2059
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814

Senator Carole Migden

WWW.SEN.CA.GOV/MIGDEN

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
June 30, 2005

CONTACT
Eric Potashner (415) 557-1300

MIGDEN WORKS TO BRING AN ADDITIONAL \$10 MILLION IN MENTAL FUNDS TO SAN FRANCISCO

Sacramento, CA – State Senator Carole Migden (D-San Francisco/North Bay) working with mental health experts, administration officials, and Darrell Steinberg, the author of Proposition 63, which imposed a 1 percent surcharge tax on incomes above \$1 million to expand mental health services, is confident that she can deliver an additional \$10 million dollars for San Francisco's mental health programs.

"The proposed allocation of Prop 63 monies severely under funds our City, where we have the greatest need for services," said Migden. "Fortunately, \$35 million has been yet to be doled out, and special consideration will be given to San Francisco for its unique and particular network of homeless and mentally ill."

Senator Migden assures that Prop 63 distributions will be lifted for San Francisco. Moreover the Senator pledges to stay vigilant in the future to ensure that the State will not continue to punish the City for already spending millions of dollars on mental health services.

Senator Migden is also the author of SB 570, which provides mentally ill juvenile offenders an evaluation by a psychiatrist or a psychologist followed by a multi-disciplinary team assessment of the juvenile's mental health needs. This juvenile mental health program will be funded through Prop 63. SB 570 has already passed the State Senate and moved out of Assembly Public Safety Committee on Tuesday.

Prior to entering into public service, Senator Migden obtained an MA in Clinical Psychology and ran a non-profit in San Francisco that provided mental health services.

###